and replacement of existing rural drinking water systems in areas affected by scarcity of drinking water in these 8 States, including Gujarat.

In case of Gujarat, during the year 2000-2001 under ARWSP (including ARWSP-DDP), Rs. 74.85 crores were allocated to the State and keeping in view the drought situation prevailed in the State, the entire allocation of Rs. 74.85 crores was released by relaxing the conditions laid down for release of funds. In the wake of the earthquake and drought in the State, an additional Rs. 100.00 crores was provided to the State under ARWSP for rural drinking water supply.

Modernisation of NTC Mills in Gujarat

*160. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) The total capital expenditure incurred on modernisation of NTC mills in Gujarat, till date;

(b) the strategy planned to make the sick units viable there; and

(c) the policy of Government to protect the interest of workers in these units?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): (a) An amount of Rs. 40.37 crores has been spent on modernization of NTC mills in Gujarat till date.

(b) The Government has approved an approach consisting of revival of all revivable NTC mills and closure of its non-revivable mills. The resources for the same are proposed to be generated through sale of surplus land and assets. This approach has been filed before the BIFR. Textile Research Associations have examined the viability of the mills and submitted their report to the Operating Agency, IDBI. The IDBI is formulating a Draft Revival Scheme on the basis of which a final decision will be taken by the BIFR.

(c) The Government's policy is to revive maximum number of revivable mills. In such cases where a mill is not revivable, workers

would be offered a Voluntary Separation Scheme based on the Gujarat pattern, before closure of the mill.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Allocation of coal mines areas to power, steel and cement industries

†1086. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL;
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have agreed to allocate coal mine areas to power, steel, cement industries etc. to use coal as source of energy;

(b) if so, when this decision was taken and the names of places in the country where coal mine areas were allocated to these industries; and

(c) the assessment about quantity of coal in the said allocated coal mine areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Coal Mines (Nationalisation) Act, 1973, after amendment in 1993 and 1996, provides for mining of coal for manufacture of iron and steel, generation of power and production of cement on captive basis. Coal mining blocks are allocated to public/private sector companies for the above specified end uses by a Screening Committee constituted in the Ministry of Coal for captive purposes. The first meeting of the Screening Committee had taken place in July, 1993 while the last meeting took place on 31.5.2001. As on 10.7.2001, 27 coal mining blocks stand allotted to various parties for specified end uses, details of which are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The total coal reserves in the above allotted blocks excluding Pachwara and West of Umaria are estimated at about 3100 mt.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.